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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Sep-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/29/01	PREVIOUS WEEK 09/22/01
BRO-FRY	163,194	164,695
LT HENS	1,974	2,002
HVY HENS	1,496	1,426

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEKS ENDING 22-SEP-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	468	8	476
LAST WEEK	186	0	186
SAME WK YR AGO	492	0	492
TO DATE 2001	16,519	251	16,770
TO DATE 2000	17,856	544	18,400

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,472	1,446	3,918
LAST WEEK	2,033	1,523	3,556
SAME WK YR AGO	2,210	1,658	3,868
TO DATE 2001	83,859	52,728	136,587
TO DATE 2000	90,926	55,396	146,322

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-01 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	160,816 (A)	2,004	1,438	3,442
AVG WT	5.16	3.44	8.36	5.50
LAST WEEK	159,987	1,847	1,523	3,370
SAME WEEK YR AGO	155,155	1,718	1,658	3,376
AVG WT	5.03	3.26	7.99	5.58
TO-DATE/2001	5,841,919	67,340	52,477	119,817
TO-DATE/2000	5,880,556	73,070	54,852	127,922

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 5.6 million head less than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING September 15, 2001**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

HEAD	24,012	43,300	47,189
AVG WEIGHT	3.81	4.79	6.16
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	38%	41%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	28,323	16,570	31,408
AVG WEIGHT	3.82	4.69	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	37%	22%	41%
 SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	 30,943	 40,852	 32,411
AVG WEIGHT	3.77	4.77	6.19
% OF TOTAL /1	30%	39%	31%
 TO DATE/2001	 1,184,294	 1,024,063	 1,599,050
TO DATE/2000	1,228,144	1,226,755	1,490,149

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Sep-01  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,969	3,057	83	6	5,115
AVG WT	15.03	32.82	24.07	26.82	25.82
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,152	2,927	95	6	5,180
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,352 (B)	3,009	60	23	5,444
AVG WT	15.71 (B)	31.57	24.59	27.67	24.62
TO-DATE/2001	76,084 (B)	103,534	1,666	429	181,713
TO-DATE/2000	180,532 (B)		1,018	1,075	182,625

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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